

## THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**Wednesday, 6th February 1924.**

The House met at 11 o'clock, the hon. the President (Diwan Bahadur L. D. SWAMIKANNU PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.) in the Chair.

### I

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions and answers shall be arranged in order of subjects.

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

#### SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS TO QUESTION No. 133-A—cont.

MR. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, in view of the statement made by the hon. Member in which he did not admit that the statement made by him on the occasion of the No-Confidence motion that he did not apply for either a paid or an honorary appointment was incorrect, may I request the hon. the Chief Minister to consider the advisability of placing on the table of the House the communications in his possession for the House to draw its own conclusion?"

MR. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"I would like to say a word, Sir. I do not think that what the hon. Member, Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, has said is quite accurate. I explained yesterday, and I did not contradict any correspondence but only the idea put forward that I first approached the Minister for the appointment."

THE RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"May I know whether the hon. Member was nominated subsequently in pursuance of the request?"

THE hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"He was not nominated. So far as the supplementary question is concerned the hon. Member for Chittoor stated yesterday that my statement was correct, but at the same time he added that his statement also was correct. I am afraid, Sir, that that position is consistent. His statement is contrary to the fact. I have got the letters with me to prove beyond all doubt that it is so and I shall gladly make a present of them to my hon. Friend. Let him read the letters and say if he did not apply for the places and that at his own instance."

The hon. the Raja of Panagal then gave away the letters to the hon. Member, Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi.

MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I ask the hon. the Minister to lay on the table a list of all the Members who have applied to him for posts paid or honorary?"

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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am afraid it is a very large order: the hon. Member had better make a separate request."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I bow to your ruling, Sir."

Mr. SASIBHUSHANA RATH Mahasayo :—" In the answer it is stated that he also applied 'in connexion with two other appointments, namely, the Presidentship of the Legislative Council and the Vice-Chancellorship of the Madras University'. May I know if those two posts are also in the gift of the hon. the Chief Minister?"

(No answer.)

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the Minister for Local Self-Government whether it is the practice with him to intercede on behalf of his party men to get them appointments which do not lie in his power to give?"

(No answer.)

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" I want to put a series of questions arising on this. May I do so, Sir?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am really sorry the hon. Member is just a little late as we have passed on to the next question. I am sure he will be able to put his question separately."

### Accountancy.

#### *The Head Accountant Test Examination.*

134 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans who were selected for the Head Accountant Test Examinations in the Ceded Districts during the past two years and also the number of Hindus selected for these examinations in the Ceded Districts?

A.—There is no 'Head Accountant Test Examination' as such. The hon. Member apparently refers to the head accountant's training given to the subordinates in Revenue Department. Collectors arrange for this training and the Government have no information in regard to the number of men selected for the training from each community.

### Agriculture.

#### *Cultivation of tank-beds.*

135 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state if Collectors are empowered to allow tank-bed cultivation for raising food-crops in times of distress?

A.—The orders now in force are those contained in G.O. No. 2964, Revenue, dated the 3rd October 1912, and the conditions under which permission should be granted are those mentioned in paragraph 1 of the Reference from the Board of Revenue No. 354, dated the 10th February 1904. Extracts of these papers are annexed.\*

\* Printed as Appendix I on page 167 infra.